

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Panama Canal Commission proposes to amend 35 CFR parts 133 and 135 as follows:

PART 133—TOLLS FOR USE OF CANAL

1. The authority citation for part 133 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 3791–3792.

2. Section 133.1 is revised to read as follows:

§ 133.1 Rates of toll.

The following rates of toll shall be paid by vessels using the Panama Canal:

(a) On vessels over 38.10 meters (125.00 feet) in length overall:

(1) On merchant vessels, yachts, army and navy transports, colliers, hospital ships, and supply ships, when carrying passengers or cargo (laden), \$2.57 per PC/UMS Net Ton—that is, the Net Tonnage determined in accordance with part 135 of this chapter.

(2) On vessels in ballast without passengers or cargo, \$2.04 per PC/UMS Net Ton.

(3) On other floating craft including warships, other than transports, colliers, hospital ships, and supply ships, \$1.43 per ton of displacement.

(4) All vessels whose PC/UMS Net Tonnage (laden or ballast) or displacement tonnage would result in a toll of less than \$1,500 shall pay the fixed, minimum toll provided in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) On vessels less than or equal to 38.10 meters (125.00 feet) in length overall:

(1) Vessels with or without passengers or cargo shall pay a fixed, minimum toll of \$1,500.

(2) Vessels whose constructional features are such as to render the application of this provision unreasonable or impractical, as determined by the Panama Canal Commission, shall have a PC/UMS Net or displacement tonnage determined and shall have the toll assessed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section; however, in no case shall the toll be less than \$1,500.

PART 135—RULES FOR MEASUREMENT OF VESSELS

1. The authority citation for part 135 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 3791–3792.

1. Section 135.1 is amended by adding at the end thereof two new sentences to read as follows:

§ 135.1 Scope.

* * * Vessels less than or equal to 38.10 meters (125.00 feet) in length

overall are not required to be measured, except as provided for in § 133.1(b)(2) of this chapter. Vessels greater than 38.10 meters (125.00 feet) in length overall may not be assigned a PC/UMS Net Tonnage if it is determined by the Panama Canal Commission the fixed, minimum toll provided for in § 133.1(b)(1) will apply.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

John A. Mills,

Secretary, Panama Canal Commission.

[FR Doc. 98–099 Filed 1–2–98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3640–04–P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Inspector General

42 CFR Part 1001

Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on the Shared Risk Exception; Meetings

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General (OIG), HHS.

ACTION: Meeting of Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

SUMMARY: This document announces the revised dates for the seventh set of meetings of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on the Shared Risk Exception. The purpose of this Committee is to negotiate the development of an interim final rule addressing the shared risk exception to the Federal health care programs' anti-kickback provisions, as statutorily-mandated by section 216 of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

DATES: The next series of meetings will be held on January 21 and 22, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The January sessions will be held at the Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024, as previously announced.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquiries regarding these sessions should be addressed to Joel Schaer, OIG Regulations Officer, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General, Room 5518, Cohen Building, 330 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201; or call (202) 619–0089.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The dates for the next series of meetings for the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on the Shared Risk Exception, originally scheduled for January 20 through 22, 1998 (62 FR 63689, December 2, 1997), have been revised. The Committee will now plan to meet only on January 21 and 22, 1998.

The Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on the Shared Risk Exception been established to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services with respect to the text or content of an interim final rule that will establish standards relating to the exception to the anti-kickback statute for risk-sharing arrangements, set forth in section 1128B(b)(3)(F) of the Social Security Act. The exception was enacted by section 216 of Public Law 104–191, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. Section 216 of HIPAA provides that the Secretary will promulgate regulations that establish standards for the exception using an expedited negotiated rulemaking process. In the January meeting, the Committee will conclude discussion of issues relating to the development of the interim final rule and the options for resolving those issues.

Both the January 21 and 22, 1998 meetings will be open to the public without advanced registration. A summary of all proceedings of these meetings and relevant matters and other material will also be available for public inspection at the address listed above from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or can be accessed through the OIG web site located at <http://www.dhhs.gov/progorg/oig>. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2).

Dated December 19, 1997.

D. McCarty Thornton,

Chief Counsel to the Inspector General.

[FR Doc. 98–30 Filed 1–2–98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4150–04–P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

45 CFR Parts 302, 303, and 304

RIN 0970–AB69

Child Support Enforcement Program; State Plan Requirements, Standards for Program Operations, and Federal Financial Participation

AGENCY: Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking

SUMMARY: This proposed rule would implement part of the paternity establishment provisions contained in section 331 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity